



October 27, 2006

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioners:

As President of the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to urge expeditious consideration of the BellSouth / AT&T merger. Although the chamber cannot speak with a great deal of confidence about the intricacies of the merger and whether that merger will be beneficial for the entire business community (though, the Chamber does give much credence to BellSouth's assurance that it does), the Chamber can speak confidently about the positive role that BellSouth plays in the Upstate, South Carolina community.

BellSouth has been and continues to be an outstanding steward of the Greenville and Upstate, South Carolina community. BellSouth has a tremendous track record in South Carolina for contributing to the state's job growth, as well as playing a role in attracting new employers to the state, and assisting existing businesses to grow. In addition to its help on the business community-front, BellSouth is a noble contributor to the community as a whole – giving to support a continued effort to support and grow Greenville's quality of life.

We are proud to say that BellSouth makes one of its homes in Greenville, South Carolina. Because this merger is so important to one of Greenville's community leaders, we encourage the Federal Communications Commission to expeditiously consider this merger.

Sincerely,

Ben Haskew
President and CEO